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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

I attach the draft of a letter to Zbigniew Brzezinski concerning his piece in Sunday's Post.

I know Brzezinski well, and he is an unusually able and clear-headed fellow. He took part in some of Archie Cox's meetings in the spring and summer of 1960. However, you will be amused to know that in this case some of his wisdom is after the fact. On October 26, he sent me the following telegram:

"Any further delay in bombing missile sites fails to exploit Soviet uncertainty and ultimately may compel us to act in the face of a clearcut Soviet commitment to react."

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